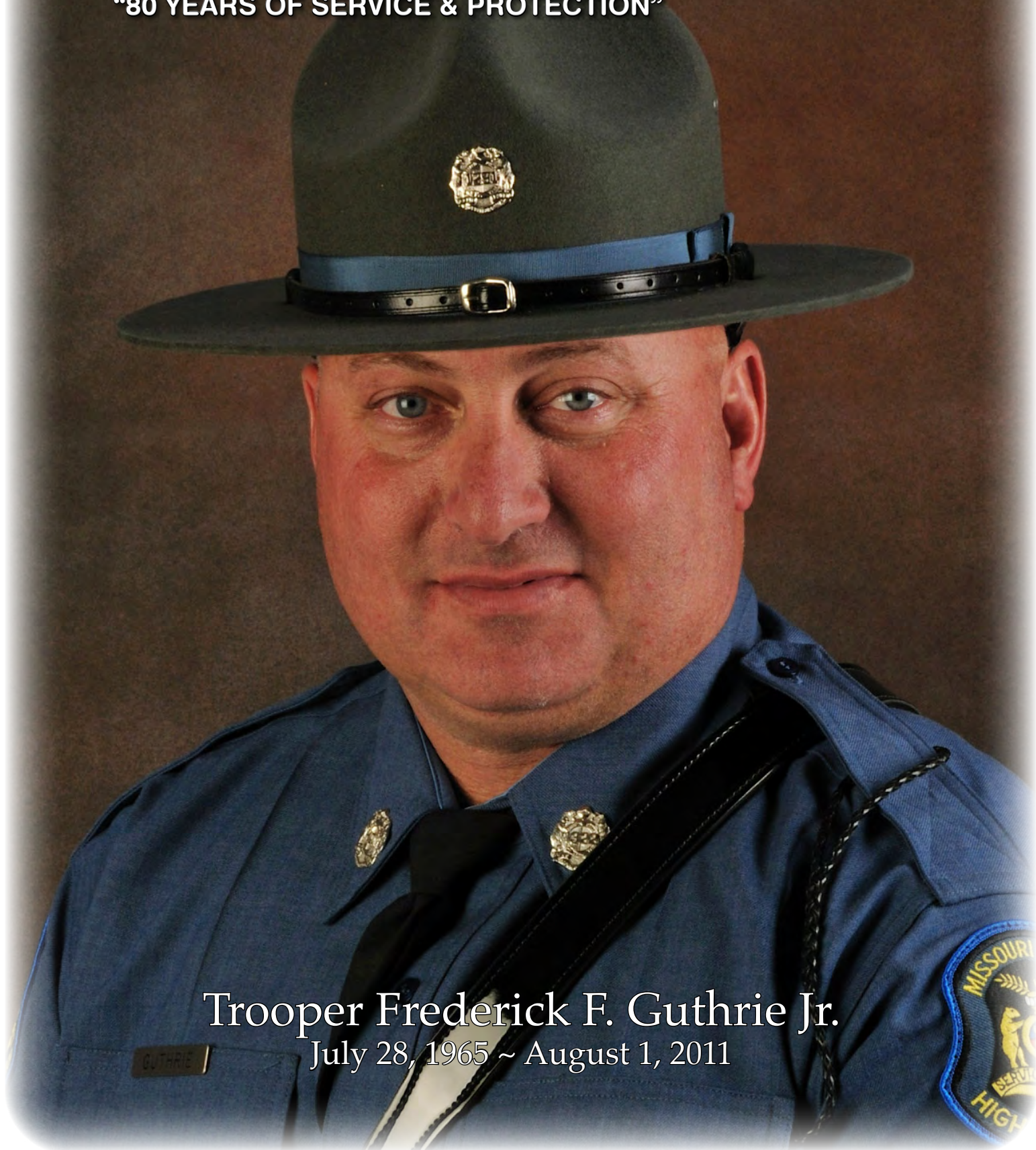


# PATROL NEWS

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Trooper Frederick F. Guthrie Jr.  
July 28, 1965 ~ August 1, 2011



# Superintendent's Message

Colonel Ron Replogle



On August 1, 2011, Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr., of the Water Patrol Division, was assigned to flood duty in Troop H when he went missing near the intersection of Missouri Highway 118 and Missouri Highway 111 in Holt County. Tpr. Guthrie's patrol vehicle was located parked near the flooded roadway with the driver and left rear passenger doors open. The truck was running and Fred's cell phone was found on the front seat. Fred and his K-9 partner Reed were missing and presumed drowned. The body of Reed was located in the water the next evening near where the truck was parked. To the date of this writing, Tpr. Guthrie's body has not been recovered.

Tpr. Guthrie is the 30th member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to die in the line of duty. He was a combined 17-year-veteran of the Missouri State Water Patrol and Highway Patrol. He leaves behind his wife, Teresa; daughter, Amber; and two sons, Dylan and Cody.

Tpr. Guthrie was a very dedicated officer who had been awarded numerous lifesaving awards, including State Employee of the Month, for saving the life of a Missouri citizen on Smithville Lake in 2007. I did not personally know Tpr. Guthrie, but I spent the first three days of the search for Fred at the scene where I met numerous family members and friends of his family. It was obvious to me that Fred was well thought of and was a great family man. It has been my honor and privilege to have met and gotten to know his wife, children, mom, dad, and other family members. He was very active in the lives of his family and he will be missed greatly. Please keep Teresa, Amber, Dylan, and Cody in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this very difficult time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Replogle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" and last name "Replogle" clearly distinguishable.

**Editor's Note:** In the July/August 2011 issue of the *Patrol News*, we inadvertently attributed the "From The Staff" column written by Major Dale A. Schmidt, Support Services Bureau, to Major J. Bret Johnson. Major Johnson is the commander of Field Operations Bureau. We apologize for the error.

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## Farewell, Admiral!



*On July 19, 2011, the Admiral riverboat made its final voyage. Three towboats moved the Admiral downriver from the Saint Louis riverfront to Columbia, IL, where it will be dismantled for recycling. The boat, whose hull dated to 1907, was refashioned as the President Casino in 1994. It closed in 2010.*

## Cover

*Trooper Frederick F. Guthrie Jr., Q/WPD, is the 30th Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper to make the Ultimate Sacrifice. See articles on pages 18-21.*

# PERSPECTIVE

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Joplin Recovers

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

On May 22, 2011, an EF5 multiple vortex tornado hit Joplin, Missouri. It reached a maximum width of one mile, rapidly intensified, and tracked eastward across the city, continuing across Interstate 44 into rural portions of Jasper County. This was the deadliest tornado to hit the United States since 1947. The cost to rebuild Joplin could reach \$3 billion.

Immediately, the Missouri State Highway Patrol sent 50 troopers to the area, as well as one mobile command and communications vehicle and four communications officers. The total number of employees deployed to Joplin would reach 336 members and 89 civilians in the days to come. Below are the stories of two of our officers as they responded to the area.

**Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D:** Originally, I was off that day. But, I responded to the scene immediately after the tornado hit, and began trying to locate the command post. I found myself driving through the heart of the destruction. There were no lights, cell service, or traffic signals. People were walking around in shock. It was mass chaos. Homes were destroyed and rubble lined the roads. Due to the amount of devastation and traffic congestion, traffic stopped and I was blocked. A couple of other troopers and I got out of our cars and began helping anyone we could. Through the darkness, I heard a faint cry for help. Another trooper and I worked our way through the dark and rubble until we found a man standing where his home once stood. We helped him out of the rubble. It took some time, but we finally made it to St. John's Hospital.



*Sgt. Daniel W. Hinten, Troop G, provides instruction at a daily briefing.*

### **Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D:**

I came on about a half hour after the tornado. I drove to Joplin and got as close to St. John's Hospital as possible, which was about a mile away. Sgt. Mike Bryan, Cpl. Tyler Moreland, and I then started walking toward the hospital through one of the affected neighborhoods. We went from street to street along with Joplin fire and police personnel making sure people were accounted for. We helped move debris in several instances to locate people who were thought to be in those particular homes. We also identified several locations where there were deceased people.

Very few structures were intact, and it took quite a while to travel that mile. One of the things I remember was that it was hard to identify where you were. I had been in the area for several years, but the landmarks and street signs were gone. Any other landmarks used to use to identify your location were gone as well. You could see all the

way through the area to the hospital after the tornado, where before there were trees, buildings, and houses.

By the time we arrived at St. John's Hospital, all the surviving patients had been moved to Freeman's Hospital or to the temporary St. John's Hospital. Troopers, other law enforcement, and emergency services personnel had handled that.

When we arrived at the hospital, one of the fire department's battalion chiefs asked if we would send a team in with a St. John's representative to make sure there was no one else inside before they closed it for the night. We did a sweep from top to bottom and made sure everyone had gotten out. We also had the task of identifying where deceased patients were inside the building. There were five troopers and one St. John's representative that did this.

After being in that hospital so many times, it was hard to see ... to go in there and see that every single room

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## —Joplin

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was damaged to some degree. Most of it suffered severe damage. Walls were gone or buckled. Water was dripping from the floors above. We had to step over debris. Portions of windows were gone. Items from the rooms were stuck in windows—beds, chairs, etc.—or were gone. Wires from all the technology and electric system were hanging. The emergency lighting flickered on and off. A hospital that was usually so vibrant had become silent except for dripping water. Most of what I did that night was centered at the hospital.

**Sgt. Pace:** We finally made it to the law enforcement command post and began answering phone calls from the media. We talked to news organizations from all over the world. For the first few days I worked 18 hours a day. What really had an impact on me was the first press conference at daybreak. The devastation and tragedy was brought to

light, and as far as you could see, there were satellite trucks lining the street to cover this event.

**Sgt. Watson:** In the early morning hours I met up with Sgt. Jason [Pace]. We had a ton of media contacts and were busy the next few days with that. The stations were from all over the U.S. Two mornings in a row I did an interview with the BBC in England. Sgt. Collin Stosberg, Troop A, Sgt. Marty Elmore, Troop G, and Sgt. Dan Crain, Troop I, all came in over the next few days to help handle the public information needs.

**Sgt. Pace:** The weather continued even after the tornado was over. The rain poured as recovery efforts began.

**Sgt. Watson:** The clean up began immediately after the tornado. The city street department had roads cleared enough that emergency personnel could get through the next day to help with rescue and enforcement. MoDOT

was busy, working to clear the state routes. It was neat to see how people came together and took care of things. They didn't wait; they went in. As we walked to the hospital, people had begun to work on the road to clear it. Some of these people had lost everything, including family members. But, they picked up whatever tool they had, put their boots on, and helped their neighbors

**Sgt. Pace:** People from other towns and other states arrived immediately and began helping. One of our troopers saw a man in an FDNY jacket. When he inquired, he learned the man was indeed a New York City firefighter. He came on his weekend off to help because others had come to help them. The area received physical as well as monetary support. Missouri's professional athletes— from Rams', Cardinals', Royals', and Chiefs' organizations—came to provide service and comfort.

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*This photo shows an aerial view of the destruction of St. John's Hospital and the surrounding neighborhood.*



# —Joplin

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**Sgt. Watson:** Twice a day, there were briefings for over 100 law enforcement officers from Missouri and adjoining states. Officers from the local departments worked together to determine what was needed, where checkpoints should be set up, where to place road blocks, and roving patrol assignments. The local supervisors would communicate local needs. Communication through radios worked; texts sometimes went through. But, in those first few days, if you got a call on your cell phone, you had about 20 seconds before you lost the call. But, this approach—having the local departments determine what was needed—was effective. It worked.

Although there were a lot of emergency personnel, there were all these other people, too. People put down what they were doing in their own lives to come to Joplin and help. Whether you were at the shelter or where they were organizing the volunteers, there was an outpouring that never stopped. Person after person, group after group put their lives aside temporarily to help.

In the months since, Joplin and the surrounding communities have worked hard. One elementary school was damaged so severely they couldn't



*The church itself was damaged severely, but a large cross remained a sign of hope after the storm.*

use it. In 84 days they found a big, empty building with a gravel floor in an industrial park and made it into a school for those children. Classes began on time. There are still a couple of churches serving meals to those rebuilding. They also have tents of supplies and clothing for those who have lost everything and are in need. But it's far from rebuilt. I do think Joplin and the various organizations have done a good job keeping the focus on Joplin and the help they still need.

People have asked me to describe this experience. They want to know what I saw and heard and even smelled. I saw water shooting up out of rubble where lines were broken.

I heard the gas escaping from broken lines. There were many different smells. The devastation is hard to describe.

**Sgt. Pace:** As many traffic crashes as we've worked, nothing compared to the condition of the vehicles devastated by this tornado. [Sgt.] Dan Crain and I spoke with a man who was in a wheelchair and had been sucked out of his home. He woke up four or five blocks away. Throughout all the devastation and tragedy and sadness of this event, it was encouraging to see the people in this community, state, and nation pull together and help in the rebuilding of this area.



*Evidence of the tornado's strength could be seen for miles.*

*Troopers went door-to-door searching for people, they attended memorial services and funerals, they met with countless families, and they made sure all 268 missing people were accounted for by June 1. There were 162 people confirmed dead as a result of this tornado.*

*This year has been challenging – from snowstorms to floods to tornadoes, nature has tested Missouri. In each instance, the Missouri State Highway Patrol has responded with professionalism and compassion.*



# BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Caden Everett*

Tpr. David C. & Mrs. Ashley N.  
Dinges  
Q/AD

## *Kade Christopher*

Sgt. Kevin C. & Quality Control  
Clerk II Cassandra D. "Cassi" Kelley  
Q/CVE, Q/TFD

## *Carley Jo*

Tpr. Justin E. & Mrs. Crystal M.  
Peabody  
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## *Samuel Jeffrey*

Mr. Jeffrey A. & Criminalist III  
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Tpr. Clinton R. & Mrs. Jerri P.  
Mistler  
Troop F

## *Alexia Lynn*

Cpl. Brian M. & Kimberly B. Anders  
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## *Ella Beth*

Tpr. Christopher M. & Mrs. Lesley  
A. Turner  
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## *Austin Edward*

Tpr. Russell B. (Brian) & Mrs.  
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Troop E

## *Eliot Kenzleigh*

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Prob. Comm. Operator Charles F. &  
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Troop D

## *Evan Reagan*

Cpl. Brandon D. & Mrs. Allyson L.  
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Cpl. James D. & Mrs. Sandi E. Ogden  
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Cpl. Samuel V. and Mrs. Heather  
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Troop C

## *Landon*

Cpl. Matthew B. and Mrs. Destiny  
M. Koch  
Troop A

## *Wesley Guy*

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Oper. Stacey A. Rucker  
Troop H

## *Zacchaeus Thomas*

Comm. Oper. II Thomas B. and  
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Troop C

## *Ryder Andrew*

Tpr. Ryan A. and Mrs. Sarah E.  
LeClaire  
Troop C

# New Employees



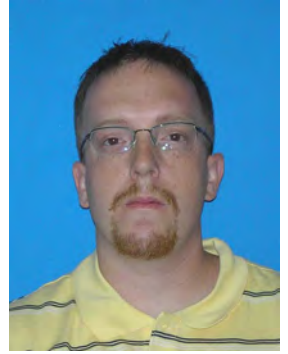
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## Tpr. Reed Goes Fishing

*By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C*

Going fishing while on duty ... That's exactly what Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper Dustin B. Reed, Troop C, was doing on a relatively quiet Friday night in April, when he hooked "a real big fish". It all began when Tpr. Reed spotted a car on the highway without a working tail lamp. Trooper Reed pulled the driver of a particular car over. He then immediately became interested in the passenger inside the vehicle.

Tpr. Reed remembers the man acting nervous; refusing to make eye

contact, and telling the trooper in a voice that cracked as he spoke, that he had no identification on him. The passenger eventually provided a name and social security number, and the trooper traced that back to a valid Missouri driver's license.

Still, something about the man bothered Tpr. Reed, so he went back and began questioning the driver of the car about his passenger. That's when the driver admitted to picking his passenger up as he hitchhiked along the road. Acting on his instincts, Tpr. Reed decided to take action. He took the passenger into custody.

As he placed the suspect in his vehicle, the man revealed his true identity, and said "You caught yourself a real big fish. I am wanted by the U.S. Marshals."

It turns out the "big fish" was a fugitive from Illinois, wanted on charges of aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a child under 13, with no bond allowed. He also admitted to have been using his dead brother's identity. Tpr. Reed eventually released his "catch" to St. Francois County sheriff's deputies, and went back on the streets – to keep a lookout for the next big "catch of the day".



# Guns 'N Hoses Helps One Of Our Own

*By Troop A*

On November 2, 2010, Lindsay Ripley, the daughter of Troop A Lieutenant James P. "Jim" Ripley and his wife, Mary, was diagnosed with paraganglioma, or glomus tumor. As a result of the tumor, and subsequent treatment, Lindsay is permanently deaf in her right ear. She has lost her normal ability to speak due to right side vocal cord paralysis, and her ability to swallow due to nerve damage from the tumor. Lindsay can no longer control her pallet, thereby leaving an open avenue in her mouth for liquids to enter her nose. Additionally, she has lost muscle tone in the right side of her neck from nerve damage, and partial shoulder function.

This type of news would devastate anyone, but for a 21-year-old woman with a bright future filled with hopes and dreams, this type of outcome feels even more devastating. When Guns 'N Hoses (a group of firefighters and police officers from both Missouri and Kansas) got wind of Lindsay's plight, they took action. The group organized a 70-mile benefit ride from Lenexa, KS, to Worth Harley-Davidson north of the river in Kansas City, MO, in Lindsay's honor on June 4, 2011. Along with the ride, Snap Shots Gun Shop, located in North Kansas City, donated an American Sprint Arms AR-15 Rifle Valued at \$1,250 for a raffle. Approximately 325 men and women came out to ride on a beautiful Saturday to support Lindsay.

June 29, 2011, was characterized by Lindsay as "a good day" when every day is tough to get through. This was the day Guns 'N Hoses president, Lenexa Police Officer Bill McCombs, presented a check to the Ripley family for \$15,500. When Officer McCombs announced the amount of the check, Lindsay covered her face with her hands and was overcome with emotion, as were her mom and dad.

Lt. Ripley was overwhelmed with the amount of support his family has been given and stated, "The money is nice, don't get me wrong, but the human support has been amazing."



*Lt. James P. "Jim" Ripley, Troop A, wife, Mary Ripley, and their daughter, Lindsay, stand with Police Officer Bill McCombs, Lenexa, KS, after a Guns 'N Hoses benefit ride for Lindsay.*

Courage is defined as a state or quality of mind or spirit that enables one to face danger with self-possession, confidence, and resolution. Lindsay has had to be courageous on a daily basis as she deals with the obstacles put before her and decides a path to overcome them.

As she stated to everyone in attendance, "It helps to know that I am not going through this alone."

She can be assured she is not alone in this fight. June 29, 2011, may have been "one good day" for her, but it is our hope and prayer this one good day turns into many more.

## Boys State Offers Challenge, Knowledge

Each year, hundreds of young men from throughout Missouri gather and form Boys State. These young people must form a "government" and make sure it operates for the week they are together. The Patrol has been part of this unique opportunity for years and 2011 was no different. Attendees formed a Boys State Patrol, which functioned as the law enforcement agency throughout this weeklong experience. Public information and education officers teach law enforcement classes and organize "MSHP Day" where the young men become acquainted with the agency's various equipment and duties.

*Sgt. David C. Martin, Q/DDCC, introduces Boys State attendees to the Patrol's bomb robot and talks about its Bomb Disposal Unit.*



# Operators Complete 2011 MSHP Communications Academy

*By Chief Training Operator Roger D. Martin, Q/CommD*

Probationary communications operators attended the 2011 Communications Academy at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy from April 11 through May 13. Communications training officers and other specialized Patrol instructors presented 200 hours of academic and skills training to these newly hired operators. The week also incorporated overviews of Patrol and Communications Division history, as well as cultural awareness. Attendees received refresher training and updated operational capabilities for the newly fielded xWAVE Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and were tested on critical knowledge requirements.

Instructors from the Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJISD) presented a 40-hour certification course on MULES /NCIC. Communications instructors followed with the 40-hour Public Safety Telecommunicator Certification Course for call takers and dispatchers. The operators experienced several hours of practical skills exercises emphasizing Patrol specific operations, and took part in specialized training (for example: hazardous materials and verbal judo).

Friday, May 13, 2011, was graduation day with a ceremony to signify the successful completion of the Academy and readiness to enter the next phase of communications training. Mem-

*Communications Operator II William S. "Bill" Conner, Troop D, instructs Probationary Communications Operator Tyler J. Osborn, Troop A, during call processing.*



*Probationary Communications Operator Julie Weston, Troop F, accepts the Harry W. Duncan Director's award from Capt. Kim E. Hull, Q/CommD.*



bers of the Communications Division headquarters staff were on hand to speak to friends and family members about the accomplishments of the graduates. Captain Kim E. Hull, Q/CommD, presented the 2011 Harry W. Duncan Director's Award to Probationary Communications Operator Julie Weston, Troop F. Prob. Comm. Oper. Weston achieved the highest combined grade point average in academic and practical skills. Congratulations to her and to the rest of the 2011 Communications Academy graduates for their exceptional performance.



*The 2011 Communications Academy students and instructors pose for an official photo.*

## **Troop A**

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Dominick D. Love  
Megan B. Davila  
Misty R. Jeffries  
Tyler J. Osborn

## **Troop C**

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## **Troop E**

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Stacey L. Hinson

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Lori L. Wood  
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## **Troop I**

Nathan C. Fontaine



# Trooper William Brandt Memorial Highway Dedicated

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On Wednesday, June 22, 2011, a ceremony and reception took place at Troop B Headquarters in Macon. The purpose of this gathering was to dedicate a portion of U.S. Highway 36, 1.7 miles west of the intersection of Route O, in Macon County, as the "Trooper William Brandt Memorial Highway". Several community dignitaries, active and retired members of Troop B, representatives from the Missouri State Troopers Association and the Missouri Department of Transportation, Brandt family members, and friends of the Brandt family attended. Phyllis (Brandt) Feil, Tpr. Brandt's widow was present, also. Captain James E. Wilt (Troop B), Representative Tom Shively (District 8), Colonel Ron Replogle, Mrs. Phyllis Feil, and Ms. Julia Brandt (Tpr. Brandt's sister) shared heartfelt comments prior to the unveiling of the memorial sign.

Rep. Tom Shively sponsored the bill creating the highway. House Bill No. 1941 passed during the 95th General Assembly in 2010. It designated



*This photo shows the unveiling of the new memorial sign. From left to right are: Mrs. Phyllis Feil, Ms. Julia Brandt, Rep. Tom Shively, Col. Ron Replogle, and Capt. James Wilt, Troop B.*

portions of two highways in memory of two Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers, Trooper William R. Brandt and Corporal Dennis E. Engelhard. The Missouri State Troopers Association provided funds to purchase and erect the new signs.

Tpr. William Brandt was killed in the line of duty on June 12, 1970,

when a tornado blew his patrol car into a concrete bridge abutment on U.S. Highway 36, near Bevier, MO. Tpr. Brandt was a native of Brunswick, MO, and had been appointed to the Patrol in 1968. He was the 10th member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to lose his life in the line of duty.

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## MADD Recognizes Cpl. Lance

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Missouri) recognized the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Cpl. Scott M. Lance, Q/WPD, for his efforts in removing intoxicated boaters from Missouri's waterways. Cpl. Lance was the state's top officer in BWI (boating while intoxicated) arrests for 2010. He is stationed at the Lake of the Ozarks and made 32 BWI arrests that year. MADD Missouri volunteer Robbie Pace Courtright, coordinator of the MADD Central Missouri Community Action Site, presented the award to Cpl. Lance at the Osage Beach City Hall on May 9, 2011.

"We are proud of Cpl. Lance's efforts," said Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol. "Every drunk boater removed from our state's waterways could prevent a crash or fatality. Congratulations, Cpl. Lance."



*MADD Missouri volunteer Robbie Pace Courtright presents an award to Cpl. Scott M. Lance, Q/WPD.*

# Spotlight

## Tpr. Trois L. Maloney



**Appointed:** June 29, 2003.

**First Assignment:** Troop C, Zone 7, Warren County.

**Current Assignment:** Troop I, Zone 2, Phelps/Maries counties. Trois has also served as crisis negotiator with the Troop C SWAT team and with the Critical Incident Stress Management team of Greater St. Louis.

**Family:** Trois has one son, Mikal Harpster, who will be attending Eastern Kentucky University on both academic and athletic scholarships. Mikal plans to major in "pro golf management" and play on the school's golf team.

**Interests:** According to Trois, she enjoys trout fishing, and, in particular, fly-fishing. In fact, Trois said the lure of transferring to Troop I from Troop C was the close proximity of the Ozark Trout Parks. Trois said her other outdoor interests include camping and playing golf with her son. When not involved in those activities, she also enjoys reading.

Trois was raised in Macon, and is a 1991 graduate of Macon High School. She earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Mineral Area College. Prior to becoming a trooper, Trois worked for the Division of Family Services. According to Trois, it was while she was attending Moberly Junior College that one of her instructors, Lt. David Hall, encouraged her to apply for

the Patrol. Trois said that while she is very proud of her career with the Patrol, she is most proud of her son and his many accomplishments. She concedes his departure this fall for college in Kentucky will be difficult. However, she looks forward to the future being both interesting and enjoyable as she indulges in her hobbies and spends time with her friends and co-workers.

## MVI Sprv. Daniel A. "Dan" Gregory



**Appointed:** April 1, 1993.

**First assignment:** Troop I, Rolla.

**Promotions/Current Assignment:**  
MVI II – October 1, 1993; MVI III  
– April 1, 1996; MVI Supervisor  
– April 1, 1997.

**Family:** Dan and his wife, Kim, have been married for 27 years. They have one son, Matthew, who is 24.

**Interests:** Dan and Kim enjoy traveling, which includes many hours spent touring the country on his Honda Sabre motorcycle. Dan is also often overheard at Troop I discussing his annual cross country ride. Dan stated that the adventure of being able to both enjoy and endure traveling through the desert and snow capped mountains within the same trip is an experience he looks forward to. Dan also has a federal firearms license and is both an avid target shooter and hunter. When not busy with Patrol duties or enjoying his hobbies, Dan and Kim spend time managing their two gift and antique stores in Salem.

Dan was born in California, but moved to Salem at a young age, where he grew up and graduated from Salem High School. Dan stated he was driving a delivery truck when he first heard about job opportunities with the Patrol, which ultimately led to his current position. As a member of the Troop I MVI team for nearly 19 years, Dan is known for his extensive knowledge of MVI rules and regulations, and for taking his job quite seriously. He is always more than willing to answer completely any MVI question for either a citizen or a trooper. When asked what he enjoys about his duties, he stated that it has allowed him to meet a variety of individuals.

## CJIS Says Thank You!

*By CJIS Division*

Several months ago, CJIS Division designed and sold T-shirts to help raise money to assist then-Criminal Justice Services Manager Kerry K. Creach pay medical bills. Colonel Ron Replogle designated Monday, June 13, 2011, as Kerry Creach T-shirt Day at the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The response was overwhelming! CJIS Division presented over \$5,550 to Kerry and his family from the sales and donations on behalf of GHQ employees. The division would like to thank everyone who bought T-shirts or made a donation to this cause. Kerry and his family greatly appreciated the monetary gift. He continues to recuperate at home.



# MVI Division Participates In MAPT Conference

*By MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVI*

Motor Vehicle Inspection employees from General Headquarters, Troop D, and Troop I attended the 46th Annual Missouri Association of Pupil Transportation Conference and Trade Show at University Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, from July 5 - 8, 2011.

The MAPT Conference, a gathering of Missouri's pupil transportation directors, mechanics, school bus contractors, and school administrators, included informational sessions presented by Missouri Department of Revenue, Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, and the Patrol's Motor Vehicle Inspection Division. In addition, there were multiple break-out sessions regarding various student transportation topics; a keynote address by Dr. Linda Bluth, president of the National Association of Pupil Transportation; and an emotional panel session that included Ms. Joy Tucker, superintendent of St. James R-1 Schools, Sergeant Jason M. Pace, Troop D, and other pupil transportation personnel. The panel session discussed the 2010 fatality school bus crash of the St. James R-1 school district, as well as several changes that have been implemented by the district as a direct result of lessons learned from the crash. A total of 263 individuals representing Missouri school districts and contracting firms attended the 2011 conference, with 75 busi-



*Troop D MVI III Lloyd Richards shares information with attendees at the MAPT Trade Show.*

nesses/entities related to the field of pupil transportation providing exhibits at the trade show.

MAPT presented the Dennis Es-sary Award to the winner of the 2011 Missouri School Bus Safety Competition, Mr. Ron Bruggemann, a bus driver for First Student Inc., which operates within the House Springs School District. Mr. Bruggemann will represent the state of Missouri at the National School Bus Safety Competition later this year. Carol Woods, transportation director for Jackson R-II Schools, received the MAPT Administrator of the Year Award. Rachel Mullenix and Josi Frigan, both students at Lewis & Clark Elementary School in Liberty, were winners of the annual school bus safety poster contest sponsored by MAPT. Distinguished Service Award recipients were Shirley Patrick, North Kansas City 74 Schools, Mike Skeen, Hannibal Public Schools, and Dr. Nick Boren, Columbia Public Schools, who were recognized for their



*Troop D MVI Sprv. Eric Gibson presents the 2011 Total Fleet Excellence Award to a representative of Springfield R-XII Schools.*

years of service and dedication to the safety of pupil transportation in Missouri. While the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education presented its Fleet Maintenance Awards, the Missouri State Highway Patrol presented deserving districts in attendance the 2011 Total Fleet Excellence Awards.

2011 marked the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division's first exhibition booth at the MAPT trade show. The booth was well received, with MVI Supervisors Eric W. Gibson, Troop D, and Daniel A. "Dan" Gregory, Troop I, Motor Vehicle Inspector III Lloyd G. Richards, Troop D, and MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, GHQ, present to answer questions and provide information regarding the Patrol's School Bus Inspection Program.



*MVI Sprv. Dan Gregory, Troop I, presents the 2011 Total Fleet Excellence Award to the Crawford County R-II School District representative.*

# Promotions



Mark A. Bielawski  
Lieutenant  
Q/GD



Ricky D. Herndon  
Lieutenant  
Q/PSD



Scott A. Shippers  
Lieutenant  
Troop A



Jacob P. Angle  
Sergeant  
Troop H



Michael T. Finnegan  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



Terry R. Potter  
Sergeant  
Troop C



Scott R. Richardson  
Sergeant  
Q/FOB



Michael F. Wyss  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



Kelley S. Young  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



Logan S. Elliott  
Corporal  
Troop G



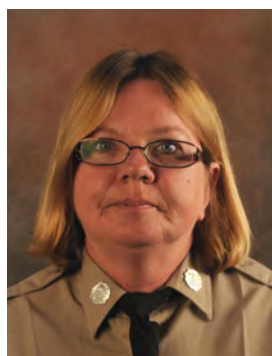
Jeffery Fugett  
Corporal  
Troop D



William E. Oliver  
Corporal  
Q/GD



John S. Warren  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Melanie G. Bartnick  
DE III  
Troop C



Diana J. Kempker  
Fiscal & Budgetary  
Analyst I  
Q/BPD



# Promotions



Brittany M. Malik  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Loretta C. Mitchell  
Traffic Safety Analyst II  
Q/TFD



Colleen A. Moore  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Dana J. Mueller  
DE III  
Troop B



Kristi K. Newman  
Special Assistant  
Q/FOB



Anne M. Rayfield  
DE III  
Troop I



Kristen D. Reynolds  
DE III  
Troop F

## Troop E Hosts "Bring Your Kids To Work Day"

*By Tpr. Clark D. Parrott, Troop E*

Sixteen children came to work with their parent or grandparent on July 20, 2011. At 8:00 a.m., the temperature was a "cool" 89 degrees. To start the day, the kids and parents learned about the history of the Patrol. At 10 a.m., with the temperature in the upper 90s, we went outside to view several patrol vehicles on display, participate in an outdoor "air soft range", and attempt a bicycle safety course. The group enjoyed grilled hot dogs and all the trimmings for lunch. After lunch, the Troop E K-9 team gave a demonstration on vehicle searches and how they handle an aggressive person. The kids really enjoyed watching Sgt. Richard J. "Rick" Sanders get bitten. A brief description of each office or job



*Lt. Sean B. Moore, Troop E, concentrates while attempting to make it through a bicycle safety course.*



was explained, and in some cases, demonstrated during the tour of troop headquarters. At some point, a freezer of homemade ice cream, M&Ms, and cookies appeared for everyone to enjoy. Troop E's parents and kids give special thanks to Sgt. Dennis W. Rainey for putting the air soft range together despite the heat.

*Chief DE Tammy K. Harris, Troop E, enjoys a presentation during the Troop E's Bring Your Kids To Work Day.*

# L.E.T.S.A.C. Honors Tpr. Kyle Easley

*By Capt. Jay T. "Tim" Hull, Q/PIED*

The Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council held their annual conference at The Inn at Port Arrowhead in Lake Ozark, MO, from July 11-15, 2011. Each year, the council honors officers from four categories as "Traffic Officer of the Year" for the tremendous accomplishments they achieved during the previous year. They honor officers from small departments, medium departments, large departments, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Officers accepted these awards at the conference banquet held on the evening of July 14, 2011.

This year's Patrol recipient was Trooper Kyle E. Easley, Troop B. Tpr. Easley has been with the Patrol for over five years, and currently is assigned to Troop B, Zone 10, covering Randolph and Monroe counties. During the year 2010, Tpr. Easley issued a total of 1,042 citations and 2,095 warnings. These totals included:

- 40 DWI Arrests
- 461 Seat Belt Citations
- 191 Speed Citations
- 161 Driver's License and Vehicle Insurance Citations
- 61 Vehicle Registration Citations
- 16 Felony Criminal Arrests
- 16 Misdemeanor Criminal Arrests



*(From left) Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, Capt. James E. Wilt, Troop B, and Col. Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol, attended the L.E.T.S.A.C. banquet to congratulate (center) Tpr. Kyle E. Easley, Troop B, and his wife, Miranda. Tpr. Easley was named a L.E.T.S.A.C. Officer of the Year.*

Tpr. Easley also responded to 247 calls for service and rendered 164 self-initiated services ranging from assisting stranded motorists to removing debris from the roadways. During 2010, Tpr. Easley volunteered his time at the Gratz Brown Elementary School, reading stories and presenting safety-related information to students. He also provided safety information at a car show event held to benefit the Missouri Special Olympics.

Tpr. Easley's exemplary attributes include his devotion to duty, depend-

ability, and leadership abilities. Tpr. Easley has represented the Missouri State Highway Patrol with distinction and honor. His outstanding performance as a Missouri state trooper has brought credit upon himself, the MSHP, and the state of Missouri. With this distinction has come the award of Missouri State Highway Patrol L.E.T.S.A.C. Officer of the Year.

Congratulations, Kyle, on your accomplishment!

## Benefit Run Honors Sgt. Schuengel

*By Run Director Beth Knight, The MASTERS*

The inaugural The MASTERS 5-Mile Run For Remembrance will be held Saturday, November 19, at 8 a.m. The run will take place in Weldon Spring, MO, and the course will take runners through the circle at Troop C Headquar-

ters. All who complete the race will receive a medal at the finish line. The entry fee is \$25 before November 4, or \$30 afterward. Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.themastersmo.org](http://www.themastersmo.org). If you have any questions or comments, or are interested in volunteer-

ing, please contact Run Director Beth Knight at [masters5mile@gmail.com](mailto:masters5mile@gmail.com) or 314-486-1182. You may also find the event on Facebook at "5 Mile Run For Remembrance".



# THE MASTERS CORNER

## Donations Help Us Make A Difference

*By Mrs. Elaine Libla  
Secretary, The MASTERS*

Thanks to everyone who is contributing in 2011 to The MASTERS through the Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign. We greatly appreciate you choosing The MASTERS when considering charitable giving. Your donations are helping to make a difference for Patrol families who have lost their loved one in the line of duty.

We also want to thank the Drury family and Bloomsdale Excavating in Bloomsdale, MO, for their contribution from the golf tournament they organized and sponsored in Ste. Genevieve.

The Sullivan Saddle Club organized a benefit fun show and spaghetti dinner, which was held in June, in honor and memory of Sgt. Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel. Sgt. Schuengel had been a participant in many of their shows. The proceeds from their event was donated to The MASTERS. Thanks to everyone involved in this fundraiser.

Mr. Dave Sinclair of Sinclair Buick GMC in St. Louis recently met Troop C The MASTERS directors Beth Knight and Bill Ronecker at Troop C Headquarters. Mr. Sinclair made a special donation to The MASTERS. Thanks to Mr. Sinclair and to the Sinclair family for their many years of support.

With the recent merger of the Missouri State Water Patrol and the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Missouri Water Patrol Association was dissolved. All of the funds in the Water Patrol Association were donated to charity. We are grateful to everyone in the association for the generous donation made to The MASTERS from that fund.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Patrol's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri State Highway Patrol Golf Tournament. The MASTERS was

once again chosen as the recipient of proceeds from the tournament which this year raised \$2,600! Major Hugh E. McKay (now retired) and Captain Ronald L. Walker, Q/FOB, we appreciate your efforts in coordinating this event.

Once again, we thank the Rosciglione family of St. Charles for their hard work and generosity in support of The MASTERS. In June, they held the 7<sup>th</sup> annual bowling fundraiser in memory of their loved one, J.P. Rosciglione, who lost his life in a hit and run crash in February 2005. Proceeds totaling over \$60,000 from these seven events have been donated to The MASTERS.

Thanks to the Rosciglione family, the Saffo family for use of Bowl Haven in Alton, IL, and to all volunteers for your continued support.

All donations to The MASTERS are greatly appreciated whether they are from members for their annual membership dues; fundraisers; memorials to a family member or friend; a gift for retirement, Christmas, or a birthday; The MASTERS vanity license plates; or donations just because you care. Donations are all important in the work of The MASTERS. Thanks to everyone!

## Historical Society Dedicates Monument To Lawmen

*Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A*

On July 19, 1933, local lawmen in Platte County gathered in an effort to capture a gang of killers at the Red Crown Tavern and Tourist Camp (near the now KCI airport). The notorious Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker led the gang. A massive gunfight ensued and the outlaws escaped, but with mortal injuries. Three of our local lawmen sustained gunshot wounds. The Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers involved in that shootout were: Captain William Baxter, commanding officer of Troop A, Sgt. Tom Whitecotton, and Trooper Leonard Ellis. In addition, seven members of the Platte County Sheriff's Office and four Jackson County sheriff's deputies were involved in the events that night.

On July 19, 2011, the Platte County Historical Society dedicated a monument to those lawmen to honor their efforts that night. The Red Crown Tavern was a legendary hot spot for gathering in the Northland. The marker was placed near the Ambassador Building in Kansas City at approximately the same place where the Red Crown tavern used to exist. It is fitting to remember the Missouri law enforcement officers who put their lives at risk to protect the local citizens.

*Troop A's Cpl. Carl A. Taibi Jr., Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, and Tpr. Matthew J. Yoder stand near the marker honoring the officers involved in the 1933 Red Crown Tavern shootout with the Barrow gang.*



# Tpr. Fred Guthrie: The Ultimate River Warrior

By Tpr. Kimberly Davis, Troop A

The task I have before me now is very challenging. How am I going to describe to you Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr., the self proclaimed "ultimate river warrior", a great trooper, an amazing co-worker, and an even better friend? How can I put a smile on your face as those of you who knew Fred think, "That was Fred," and those of you who didn't think, "I wish I would have known him"?

My first memory of Fred is from my days as a recruit in the Academy. During in-service training, several Water Patrol officers decided to steal our guidon flag while we were swimming, and Fred was one of them. As they ran out the door with our flag, 11 young and fit recruits took out after them soaking wet and barefoot. All of them were able to make it to a vehicle and flee except for Fred. Fred ran with all he had, with us closing in, until he reached the General Headquarters building. A lieutenant let Fred into the building and, needless to say, we were not allowed inside. We often joked

about that encounter and Fred would always say, "That lieutenant saved me."

I was later assigned to Smithville Lake in the same district where Fred worked. Fred was primarily assigned to the Missouri River, but he also worked Smithville Lake, so we spent many hours working together. Over the years, Fred became a great friend to me, just as he was to everyone he worked with. We all have great memories of him.

One of my favorite memories of Fred is his laugh and his loud boisterous talk. I have heard many people say he was a manly man with a "girlie" laugh, and that is so true. How can you not smile and laugh when you think of his "he, he, he" laugh? You also never had to ask him to repeat himself—he talked so loud. I would always tease Fred about him "breaking my ear drums" to which he would reply, "I'm sorry." Then he would proceed to tell me he was hard of hearing, which must be why he would ask you to repeat yourself so often when you were talking to him. The times Fred was quiet were usually because he was sleeping. He always wanted me to drive on our trips to Jefferson City, so he could sleep, which was probably better, because Fred's driving would about make you sick as he constantly stepped on and off the gas pedal.

Another great memory is all the times we ate together. I can't imagine how much money Fred owed all of us for the meals we bought him. Fred was known to be low on cash frequently when we would go out to eat and would ask one of us to pay. He would always say, "Thanks, I will pay you back," but he usually forgot. Oftentimes, Fred would point to my plate and say, "Are you going to eat that?" When I told him "No," he would finish my meal. As Lieutenant Eldon E. Wulf, Q/TND, reminded me: Fred would

*Tpr. Fred Guthrie spent spare time hunting and fishing. This catfish never had a chance.*



**Tpr. Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr.**

always say, "It's time to feed the machine." How he loved to eat! One time, he had a mouth full of pop when he started coughing and spewed his drink all over Captain William E. Cox's plate. Fred felt bad about it, but we sure had a good laugh, even Capt. Cox.

As Capt. Cox (now retired) told me, "Fred was a man all about family." Fred lived for all of his family, but especially for his wife, Teresa, and children: Amber, Dylan, and Cody. We never worked together that he did not talk about them, and he gave me a lot of good parenting advice. He had the best blinders I have ever seen when it came time for his shift to be over, so he could get home to see them. He loved to watch his children play sports and was very proud of them. He didn't care what shift he had to work as long as he could make it to their game.

Fred was also a man of passion. He had passion for his job, his beliefs, and his hobbies. It was always entertaining to listen to Fred lecture someone he had just arrested for possession of drugs. He was never afraid to let someone know how he felt, and the lecture usually started with, "Now, listen."

Fred absolutely loved to spend his spare time hunting, fishing, or working out. He would always send you a picture of the deer he shot or tell you

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## —Guthrie

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some great fishing story. He would make me nervous when he was driving, because he was always looking for wildlife.

One of the things I admired most about Fred was that he was not afraid to tell you his fears or weaknesses. He was scared of lightning. We often joked about him leaving the water if there was lightning in Nebraska ... and he would agree. There were times he was nervous with situations at work, but that never kept him from doing his job and he was never too macho to call for back-up. Fred knew my fears and weaknesses, but he never made me feel any less of an officer for them. He would always help me when I asked; offered encouragement or advice when needed. We all teased Fred about being unorganized, forgetful, or about his equipment not being clean. He would usually agree and laugh with us, which is one of the many reasons I loved working with him so much.

Sergeant Bryan G. Parrott, Troop A, told me Fred was his hero because he confronted his fears. Sgt. Parrott said at SWAT school Fred had to rapel, but he was not happy about doing it. Fred did not like heights. But, because of who he was, Fred went over the edge with the rest of his team repeatedly. Sgt. Parrott also talked about when Fred received several awards for saving a lady's life during a storm with 60 mph winds and lightning. Fred confronted his fear of lightning and put a



*The Guthrie family took this picture at Senior Night for Amber's volleyball team in 2010. They are (l to r) Tpr. Guthrie, Cody, Amber, Dylan, and Teresa.*

civilian's life ahead of his. What a comforting feeling working with a man like Fred, knowing he had your back!

Fred was excited to become a K-9 handler when he got Reed. He loved having a partner to work with every day. Listening to Fred give commands to Reed reminded me of a father/son relationship. Reed would listen, but usually not until Fred had repeated himself loudly. I was always entertained when I worked the Sports Show with Fred and Reed. Reed was very friendly and there would always be a dog lover in our booth that would not stop petting him. Or, Fred and I would laugh and wonder what was in the pockets of the people who saw Reed and walked as far away from our booth

as possible. I could always tell when Fred and Reed had been in my boat or in the zone office by the chewed up pop bottles left behind. I remember the day I let Fred talk me into taking a bite from Reed. I thought, "No big deal," until Reed was running toward me—now, that was intimidating! It was always comforting knowing Reed had your back, too!

In our line of work, your co-workers are like family. I can truly say Fred was like a brother to me. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I was told recently, "There is no mold for Fred Guthrie." Fred, you truly are the "ultimate river warrior", and I know you still have our backs!

*Officers from various agencies assisted the Patrol in the search for Tpr. Fred Guthrie.*



*A command post was established to aid in the search for Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie, of the Water Patrol Division, after he went missing near the intersection of Missouri Highway 118 and Missouri Highway 111 in Holt County.*



# Celebrating Fred: Family Man, Hero

*By Lt. Ralph L. Bledsoe, retired*

One of the thin, blue bands I wear on my wrist simply says "HERO". For so many of us, the wristbands are worn as a reminder to keep our fallen friend Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. in our daily prayers. It is hard to summarize a person's life in just one word.

Fred was dubbed the "ultimate river warrior" for his work and job-related exploits on the Missouri River. This alone could quite possibly elevate a man's persona to the level of being a living legend. Whether he was a legend or not is questionable, but a "hero"? That is a fact. One of many acts of bravery that Fred displayed came on a night of severe storms on Smithville Lake in 2007. The call went out about a capsized boat on the lake with survivors barely clinging onto life. Fred responded and, with total disregard for his own safety, pulled a woman from the raging waters and certain death to safety. He was awarded both a Missouri Medal Of Valor and a Missouri State Water Patrol Distinguished Service Citation For Valor for his act of heroism. What was Fred's reaction to the accolades bestowed upon him? He would, with great humility, reluctantly accept the praise and simply state, "I was only doing my job." That was the kind of man he was—a hero in every sense of the word—to his family, his friends, and to his fellow troopers.



*Pictured are: Troop A members Sgt. Bryan G. Parrott, Cpl. David W. Campbell, Tpr. Kimberly Davis, Tpr. Corey W. Bradshaw, Tpr. R. Mike Malone, Cpl. Charles W. Hoff.*

A prayer service was held on Monday, August 15, in Weston, MO, to celebrate the life of Tpr. Fred (Freddie) Guthrie. On the same hometown ball field where he and his wife, Teresa, watched their sons, Dylan and Cody, play football, a vigil was held to praise Tpr. Guthrie as the "ultimate family man". What began as a small gathering to uplift the Guthrie family in their tragic loss soon became an event in which a community and friends from

all over participated. They came to show their love for Freddie and their overwhelming support for the Guthrie family. The prayer service started at 8 p.m.

and ended with a candlelight prayer in honor of Freddie. Officials estimated the attendance at more than 800.

"Our purpose tonight is to be a supportive community," began Highway Patrol Troop H Chaplain Rev. Bill Koch. "We are here for each other, a community of love and a community that seeks to move forward in peace. Help us to live one day at a time, one moment at a time, accepting hardship as the pathway to peace, taking the world as it is."

And, come together we have! We celebrate Fred and what he means to his family, friends, and community. A hero is a fitting description of Fred, but if you would ask him to pick a word that would define his passion and purpose in life, it would be "family". Everything he did, everything he dreamed, everything he breathed was centered around his wife, Teresa, and his children: Amber, Dylan, and Cody. God blessed Fred with such an abundantly loving heart that it overflowed and touched not only his family, but his friends and, quite frankly, almost everyone he met. Because Fred was given the gift of a boundless heart, he was at total peace with his life. His priorities were right. He loved his God. He loved his family. He loved his job. He loved life!

So, now we lift our lighted candles to Fred—their flames symbolizing the memory of a beloved man who will forever burn in our hearts. God bless you, Freddie. I and all who knew you will greatly miss you. You are the "ultimate hero" to all of us.



*Mrs. Robin Hoff and her husband, Cpl. Charles W. Hoff, Troop A, welcome people as they arrive at the memorial service and make sure each has a candle.*



*Attendees hold lighted candles during the memorial service for Tpr. Fred Guthrie.*



# K-9 Reed

End of Watch ~ August 1, 2011



Police dogs are not just your average dog. They are loyal to their handler beyond belief, and have skills that are extraordinary. Only people who have had the honor of being a canine officer can understand completely the special bond between a police dog and their handler.

Reed was born in Poland on December 15, 2006. Reed arrived in the United States in the fall 2007, and began some of his basic obedience training. While Reed was awaiting his partner, Officer Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr., of the Missouri State Water Patrol, was selected to be a canine handler. Officer Guthrie was sent to basic Police Canine School in Jeffersonville, IN, in March 2008, and he selected Reed as his partner. Their bond started immediately, and Reed and Officer Guthrie successfully completed their training as a team. In May 2008, Reed and Officer Guthrie passed their initial certification tests. They maintained yearly certification in narcotic detection, handler protection, obedience, building search, area search, article search, tracking, and aggression control, all conducted by the North American Police Work Dog Association.

Reed proved to be a valuable asset to the Missouri State Water Patrol. Many agencies, schools, and organizations sought Reed's and Officer Guthrie's assistance. While Reed was a



*This cross honors Tpr. Fred Guthrie and his K-9 Reed, who went missing August 1, 2011. Reed's body was recovered; the search for Tpr. Guthrie continues.*

very serious canine, he was also very friendly, sociable, and he loved kids. Officer Guthrie took him to boat shows where he sometimes was tugged on and stepped on. Reed always just took it in and never showed any aggression. Reed had an outstanding reputation for his work in narcotic detection. Officer Guthrie and K-9 Reed were called regularly for their ability to locate contraband.

On January 1, 2011, Trooper Guthrie and Reed became members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol upon the merger with the Missouri State Water Patrol.

On August 1, 2011, while working flood detail in Mound City, MO, near Big Lake, Tpr. Guthrie and Reed were swept into very violent and turbulent waters and were presumed drowned. Reed's body was recovered on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. The Guthrie family requested Reed be cremated, so he could be buried with his partner, Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr.



## A K-9 Prayer

*Trust in me, my friend, for I am your comrade.*

*I will protect you until last breath.*

*When all others have left you  
and the loneliness of the night closes in,  
I will be at your side.*

*Together we will conquer all obstacles  
and search out those who might wish  
harm to others.*

*All I ask of you is compassion,  
the caring touch of your hands.*

*It is for you that I will unselfishly give  
my life  
and spend my nights unrested.*

*Although our days together  
may be marked by the passing of the  
seasons,  
know that each day at your side is my  
reward.*

*My days are measured by  
the coming and going of your footsteps.  
I anticipate them at every opening of the  
door.*

*You are the voice of caring when I am ill;  
the voice of authority when I've done  
wrong.*

*Do not chastise me unduly,  
for I am your right arm,  
the sword at your side.*

*I attempt to do only what you bid of me.  
I seek only to please you and remain in  
your favor.*

*Together you and I shall experience  
a bond only others like us will  
understand.*

*When outsiders see us together  
their envy will be measured by their  
disdain.*

*I will quietly listen to you  
and pass no judgment,  
nor will your spoken words be repeated.  
I will remain ever silent,  
ever vigilant, ever loyal.*

*And when our time together is done  
and you move on in this world,  
remember me with kind thoughts and  
tales,*

*for a time we were unbeatable.*

*Nothing passed among us undetected.  
If we should meet again on another street  
I will gladly take up your fight.*

*I am a Police Working K-9 and together  
We are guardians of the night.*

*— Author Unknown*

# THE MASTERS CORNER PART II

## Forever The Season Of Caring & Sharing

By *The MASTERS*

While this article may have been written when the warm breezes would make you think of anything but the cold of winter and the coming holiday seasons, The MASTERS remains as it was originally intended: It is simply about caring. From our inception in 1979, under the guidance of Colonel Al Lubker, the members of The MASTERS characterize the upcoming season of caring and sharing throughout the year. Certainly each of us hope and pray that we won't be needed, but when a senseless tragedy occurs, The MASTERS brings their assistance and support without fanfare or expectations. Our only focus is on the family. We know how important it is that they not be expected to carry the added burden and worries of current or future financial obligations.

The MASTERS is a caring and sharing organization. There are many stories that could be told of the support The MASTERS has and continues to provide. It is so accurately described by words in the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C., and a sentiment that The MASTERS shares: "It is not about how they died, but how they lived." It is so important that we remember each of these wonderful heroes, heroes who are known by many names—trooper, father, spouse, dad, brother, uncle, or friend. They were each special, one of our own, and the continued support for their family is the very least we can do.

As the "season" of caring and sharing approaches, we want to encourage others to focus their thoughts on not only our individual families, but the "Patrol family", both of which are so closely intertwined. Perhaps you have a special person in your life for whom it is hard to find just the "right" Christmas gift? During this season of caring

and sharing, we would like to suggest you give a gift that has a special meaning, never goes out of style, comes only in the color "blue" (but has stood the test of time and is fade resistant), is always the right size, never goes out of season, and most importantly is a gift that never stops giving. Won't you consider the gift of a membership in The MASTERS? It speaks volumes about your feeling for the recipient and for those The MASTERS serves.

To give this special gift for the upcoming holiday season, simply fill

out the application included with this "invitation", and mail it along with the appropriate fee. The membership will be returned to you in time for the holidays.

On behalf of the 1,250+ The MASTERS members, we extend to you and your family the peace and joy of the holiday season. May you be blessed with health and happiness during the upcoming holidays and throughout the coming year.

Application for Membership		Troop _____
Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society		OFFICE USE ONLY
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL BENEVOLENT FUND, INC.		
I submit my application for membership in "The MASTERS," an organization dedicated to supplying emergency relief to the widows, widowers and children of state troopers killed in the line of duty.		
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POSITION OR TITLE _____		
PHONE (Home) _____ (Business) _____		
<b>ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION</b>		
	<b>1st Yr.</b> <b>Thereafter</b>	
Individual	\$50 \$100	
Family (2 people)	\$75 \$125	
<b>LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Supporter	\$2,500	
Patron	\$5,000	
Benefactor	\$10,000 and above	
Make checks payable to: "The MASTERS" 5287 Hwy. 67 N. Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 573-686-1619		
Checks must accompany application.		



# 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of July 20, 2011 to August 31, 2011. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

## **Troop A**

Tpr. D.E. Fessenden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Hanrahan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Harrison, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.I. McQuerrey, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.R. Vivas, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 1 arrest

## **Troop B**

Cpl. R.H. Bartels, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.F. Brown, 1 arrest  
Cpl. A.L. Bryan, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.W. Graskewicz, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 2 arrests  
Sgt. J.L. Van Tress, 1 arrest

## **Troop C**

Cpl. L.G. Amighetti, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Fieser, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.S. Huskey, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.F. Isringhausen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. V.M. Kasput, 1 arrest  
Cpl. E.R. Kessler, 4 arrests  
  
Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 1 arrest

Sgt. C.L. Patton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Potocki, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Reed, 1 arrest  
Cpl. A.E. Reynolds, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Summers, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.P. Verdone, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.S. Wang, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Wheetley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.M. Williams, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Wilson, 1 arrest

## **Troop D**

Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.W. Hilburn, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 1 arrest

## **Troop E**

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Lacey, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.T. Wilson, 3 arrests

## **Troop F**

Tpr. T.W. DeCramer, 1 arrest  
Sgt. B.J. Drummond, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.R. Gisselbeck, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 4 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Miller, 1 arrest

Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Powell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.D. Stegeman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. P.D. Sublette, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.R. Walley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.L. West, 2 arrests

## **Troop G**

Tpr. S.R. Hogan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.L. Nelson, 3 arrests

## **Troop H**

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.F. Barnett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.P. Dudeck, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Lyle, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.E. Pritzel, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 3 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 2 arrests

## **Troop I**

Tpr. T.L. Maloney, 4 arrests  
Tpr. G.R. Moravec, 1 arrest

## **Budget & Procurement Division**

Capt. P.E. Kennedy, 1 arrest

# Missouri State Fair: Patrol Rises To The Occasion

*By Lt. James P. Ripley, Troop A*

The Patrol's 2011 Missouri State Fair Detail began on Wednesday, August 10, with an afternoon briefing by Lieutenant Michael W. "Mike" Cross, Troop A. Eighty-one officers and nine support personnel were assigned to various details with some changes from previous years. Five officers from the Water Patrol Division were assigned to our detail for the first time and a Patrol boat was among the equipment displayed near the Highway Gardens and Otto-the Talking Car. Two lieutenants were assigned to the fair for additional overview and situational awareness.

The brutal summer heat seemed to break just in time for the fair to swing into action. The cooler temperatures coupled with a sellout grandstand act, Jason Aldean, on the first Saturday, was a blessing and a curse. Fair attendance soared that day and the combination of that day's fair attendees wanting to leave simultaneous to concert attendees arriving created a traffic gridlock where those on the outside could not get in and those on the inside could not get out. Without the presence of an aircraft and with an understaffed parking attendant contingent, we were forced to direct traffic into paid lots outside the fairgrounds to relieve the congestion. Eventually our officers persisted and

*Sgt. Jason Pace and Otto-the Talking Car enjoyed talking to these two young boys.*

worked through an extended period where traffic circled the fairgrounds until we eventually broke the stalemate.



The concert weather was perfect for the Jason Aldean concert. Unfortunately, that same night, at the Indiana State Fair, tragedy struck when the overhead canopy system collapsed as they were preparing for a concert. The Indiana State Fair incident was a topic of discussion as our officers had nearly experienced a similar incident during the 2010 State Fair. That

*Along with the BearCat and several vehicles, this year's display of the Patrol's fleet included a boat from the Water Patrol Division.*



*Comm. Oper. III Kathryn Y. Simpson, Troop H, kept communication flowing for the Missouri State Fair detail.*

2010 incident led to extended planning and changes prior to this year's fair in anticipation of the potential of a similar event. The aftermath of the Indiana incident also increased the media inquiries regarding what precautions are in place to prevent a similar incident in Missouri.

The first Sunday of the fair, August 14, was nearly as busy as the first Saturday. The fair experienced a full house and our officers were again tasked with all the obligations of moving traffic and handling calls for service within the grounds. Counterfeit bills began to appear in the carnival grounds. Trooper Jennifer L. Vernon, Troop H, took the lead in educating carnival and fair employees on the identification of counterfeit currency. Her understanding of that particular crime proved invaluable in the follow-up investigation.

The annual legislative ham breakfast was held Thursday morning, August 18, under the massive tent next to the fair director's residence. Hundreds of elected officials and fair

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*The storm caused the fair to be shut down until tents could be lifted, electricity restored, and food checked.*

*Sergeants Al P. Nothum, Troop C, Jason M. Pace, Troop D, and Danny J. Crain, Troop I, help a fair vendor whose tent was flattened by high winds.*

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supporters, including Governor Jay Nixon, attended. During the early morning hours of Friday, August 19, a massive straight-wind storm reaked havoc on the fairgrounds and virtually flattened every temporary facility on the grounds—including the tent where the breakfast had been held. Miraculously, as the result of planning and execution, no one was injured during the storm. Hundreds of campers were evacuated into the Mathewson Exhibition Center, a large permanent facility, by our officers and fair security. Electrical power in the area was lost during the storm. Approximately 60 percent of the city of Sedalia was without power—fairgrounds included.

When daylight arrived a survey of the damage was conducted. It was obvious that without power restored the only choice by fair officials was to keep the fair closed until it could get back up on its feet. This was the first official closing of the fair during regularly scheduled days in memory. Fair officials and vendors worked feverishly through the day to achieve an opening time of 3 p.m. Health Department officials arrived on the scene to insure that the multiple perishable

food vendors could reopen after hours without power. Our officers were stationed at every gate and on the grounds to maintain security and to allow the proper personnel access to the grounds.

On Friday night, August 19, the fair was back in the swing and a well attended concert by Luke Bryan was the highlight. Later that evening, in the early morning hours of Saturday August 20, another storm raged through the area, and again our officers engaged in the evacuation of personnel from the campgrounds. Once

again, there were no injuries reported other than egos.

The performance of our officers during the 2011 Missouri State Fair was commendable on every level. From traffic jams to counterfeiting to damaging storms, our personnel represented the citizens of the state in admirable fashion. It is rewarding to witness the performances of our younger personnel and know that the future of the organization is bright. The people of Missouri can expect many more years of quality service and a safe environment at the Missouri State Fair.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date Oct. 31, 2011	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2009 Traffic Fatalities	2010 Traffic Fatalities
665	711	-46	878	821

**Note: These totals do not include late deaths.**

# Retirements

## Lt. Thomas L. “Tom” Meyer



Lieutenant Thomas L. “Tom” Meyer retired September 1, 2011, after 32 years of distinguished service on the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Tom was born in Jefferson City a couple years before his father, retired Captain C. Lloyd Meyer, joined the Patrol. Tom’s father was initially stationed in Chillicothe, but was able to transfer and move his family back to Jefferson City. Tom, his two brothers, and five sisters attended Catholic school, and all graduated from Helias High School in Jefferson City. He worked for Dallmeyer’s Jewelry, Howard Construction, the Missouri Highway Department, and the Cole County Juvenile Center while attending Central Missouri State University (now University of Central Missouri) in Warrensburg, MO. In May 1979, Tom graduated from Central Missouri State University with a bachelor’s of science, cum laude, in criminal justice administration.

On July 9, 1979, Tom was assigned badge 845 and began training at the Patrol’s Academy as a member of the 50th Recruit Class. On December 26, 1979, following graduation from recruit training, Tom reported to his first duty station, Troop H, Zone 7, in Cameron. Tom lived in temporary accommodations at Cameron during his field training. In March 1980, immediately following his field training with Trooper Jim Martin, Tom transferred to Zone 8 and moved to Gallatin.

While in Zone 8, he investigated several notable cases. The Bergman double homicide and the Jennifer Barden kidnapping/murder were the most notable cases he worked. In 1986, Tom was the field training officer for Trooper Bob Kimberling and later worked as the zone supervisor when Bob was promoted to corporal. Bob also replaced Tom as the Zone 5 supervisor upon Tom’s promotion to lieutenant.

On March 1, 1989, Tom was promoted to corporal and moved to St. Joseph where he was designated the assistant supervisor of Zone 6. On April 1, 1991, he was promoted again, this time to sergeant and supervisor of Zone 5 in St. Joseph. On September 1, 1998, Tom was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to Troop F. On January 2, 2007, he transferred to the Research and Development Division as the assistant director and staff inspector, the position he held at the time of his retirement.

It’s interesting to note that when C. Lloyd Meyer became a member of the 17th Recruit Class, he was assigned badge 369. Upon his promotion to lieutenant in 1984, his badge number changed and his son, Tom, was assigned badge 369. After Tom’s promotion to lieutenant, badge 369 was assigned to his brother, Scott, who was then serving in Troop A. Badge 369, originally issued to a Meyer in 1958, remained assigned to a member of the Meyer family until Scott Meyer’s promotion to lieutenant in 2010.

During Tom’s career with the Patrol, he participated in several committees and special assignments, including: MU football detail, state fair detail, Troop H marijuana eradication unit, John Brown manhunt, Alis Ben Johns manhunt, Perry Wilson Sr. farm foreclosure sale in Clinton County, trooper applicant review boards, assessment center candidate evaluations, trooper/corporal test committee, trooper/corporal promotional boards, uniform committee, strategic planning committee, training committee, and the awards committee.

Tom met his wife of 31 years, Tammy (Reeder) Meyer of St Joseph, while they both attended CMSU in Warrensburg. Tom and Tammy have two children and two grandchildren. Their daughter, Amy DeClue, and her husband, Ron, of Sullivan, MO, have blessed Tom and Tammy with granddaughter Ava, 4, and grandson Cameron, 2. Their son, Tim Meyer, and his wife, Abbey, reside in Richardson, Texas.

Tom plans to spend his retirement spoiling grandchildren and traveling. Everyone in the Research and Development Division wishes Tom a long and enjoyable retirement.

## Cpl. Timothy M. “Tim” Hannan

After 31 years of serving the citizens of Missouri, Corporal Timothy M. “Tim” Hannan retired on July 1, 2011. Cpl. Hannan started his career on April 1, 1980, with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a member of the 52nd Recruit Class. Upon graduation he was assigned to Troop I. In 1993, Tim transferred into the Division of Drug and Crime Control as a narcotics investigator. Tim remained in that position until 1995, when he transferred to Troop E. From 1997 to 1999, Tim was assigned to the Gaming Division. He then transferred back to Troop I. Tim was promoted to corporal on January 1, 2000, and subsequently transferred back into the Division of Drug and Crime Control on November 1, 2000. Tim remained in that position until his retirement.

Throughout his career, Tim received several commendations and letters of appreciation from other law enforcement agencies and citizens of Missouri. He also participated in several high profile cases such as an investigation into the Covenant, the Sword, and the Arm of the Lord paramilitary group, and the John David Brown manhunt.

Tim and his wife, Tina, plan to spend retirement enjoying time on their



# Retirements

boat with family and friends at the Lake of the Ozarks.

## Tpr. Eugene R. "Gene" Cole



On August 1, 2011, Trooper Eugene R. "Gene" Cole, Q/WPD, retired with over 23 1/2 years of dedicated

service. Gene's career began with the Missouri State Water Patrol in 1988, as a member of the Water Patrol's 24th Recruit Class. Gene has served as an instructor and an investigator serving on five different homicide task forces.

Some of Gene's most memorable experiences during his career were responding to Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, and escorting the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Reenactment. Gene has been stationed in the Kansas City area his entire career. He says he is most proud of the fact that since he has been patrolling Blue Springs Lake when it opened in 1990, there has only been one drowning fatality and no boating fatalities. Working the same area for so many years, Gene has made many contacts with local law enforcement agencies through countless

recovery operations up and down the Missouri River.

On January 1, 2011, with the merging of the Missouri State Water Patrol into the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Gene became a trooper within the Water Patrol Division. It is from this assignment that Gene retires.

Gene graduated from Independence High School in 1971. He served in the Army from 1972 to 1974, and was stationed in Germany. Prior to his state service, Gene worked for the Benton County Sheriff's Department for over five years. Gene has been married to his wife, Teresa, for 23 years. They have one son named Heath.

Thank you for your years of service, Gene. We wish you a long, healthy retirement!

## Comfort Quilts Presents Gift To Schuengel Family

*By Cpl. Jeffrey L. Wilson, Troop C*

On August 8, 2011, the Kempf family of Wichita, KS, donated several memorial quilts to the Schuengel family and to Troop C in honor of Sgt. Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel, who was killed in the line of duty on October 15, 2010. The Kempf family has been making and donating these memorial quilts to families of officers who have died in the line of duty since 2009. The quilts are made from old uniforms the fallen officers had worn during their service to the public. Since 2009, "Comfort Quilts", as the family aptly called their web site, has made and donated quilts and wall hangings to 15 families of fallen law enforcement officers throughout the United States. This comes to a total of more than 108 items and 8,031 quilted uniform squares. In February 2010, the Kempf family made a similar trip to Troop C when they donated



*Troop C personnel receive a quilt from the Kempf family.*

several quilts and wall hangings to Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard's family. Cpl. Engelhard died in the line of duty on

December 25, 2009. Those who visit Troop C will be able to view two of the wall hangings donated by the Kempfs.

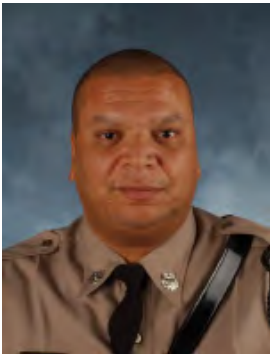
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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

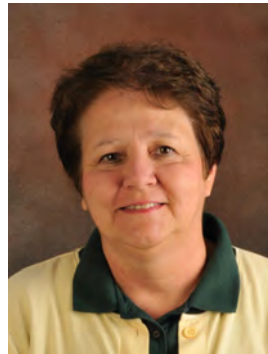
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**Steven A. Bryant**  
Comm. Vehicle Officer II  
Troop C

Retired July 1, 2011.  
27 1/2 years of dedicated service.



**Carol A. Otto**  
Criminal History Specialist II  
Q/CJISD

Retired July 1, 2011.  
24 years and 10 months of dedicated  
service.

**D. Keith  
Johnson**  
Lieutenant  
Q/GD

Retired September 1, 2011.  
32 years eight months of  
dedicated service.



**Robert E. Zubeck**  
Lieutenant  
Q/GD

Retired September 1, 2011.  
26 years of dedicated service.



**Steven R. Akridge**  
Sergeant  
Q/GD

Retired September 1, 2011.  
32 years and two months  
of dedicated service.



**David A. Booker**  
Sergeant  
Q/GD

Retired September 1, 2011.  
32 years two months of dedicated  
service.



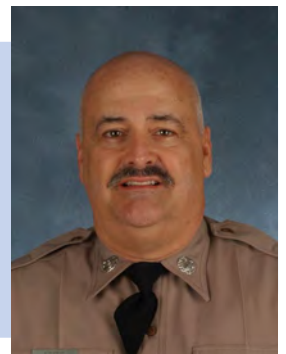
**Paul D. Cordia**  
Sergeant

Retired September 1, 2011.  
32 years and two months of  
dedicated service.



**Douglas R. Henry**  
Driver Examiner III  
Troop A

Retired September 1, 2011.  
Five years and seven months of  
dedicated service.





# Congratulations On Your Retirement!



**Dennis C. Leach**  
Comm. Vehicle Officer III  
Troop C

*Retired September 1, 2011.  
25 years of dedicated service.*



**Debra A. Libbert**  
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv.  
Q/CJISD

*Retired September 1, 2011.  
35 years of dedicated service.*

## Anniversaries

### October

*35 years*

Chief Operator Steven D.  
Gronemeyer, Troop C

*20 years*

Chief Technician Jerry L. Goans,  
Q/ICTD  
Chief Technician Joseph D.  
Goans, Q/ICTD  
DE III Brenda S. Hornecker,  
Troop C

*15 years*

Crim. Hist. Spec. I Jason R.  
Buschjost, Q/CJISD  
AFIS Entry Oper. III Dana D.  
Graham, Q/CJISD  
CIT III Peggy J. Jennings,  
Q/ICTD

*10 years*

Sgt. Joseph L. Armistead,  
Q/TND  
Tpr. Kenneth A. Baldwin,  
Troop I  
Tpr. Nathan C. Benson, Q/GD  
CDL Examiner Auditor Daniel L.  
Boyd, Troop D  
Sgt. Johnny L. Ellsworth, Troop C  
Cpl. Brent J. Fowler, Troop C  
Tpr. Kyle A. Green, Troop F  
Tpr. Robert M. Greenan,  
Troop G  
Tpr. Gary E. Gundy, Troop F  
UCR Trainer/QA Auditor  
Robert C. Hanson, Q/CJISD  
Tpr. Travis W. Hilburn, Troop D

Tpr. Dave A. Huffman, Troop G

Tpr. Jonathon P. Lynch Q/GD

Cpl. Jason M. Mattingly,  
Troop B

Tpr. Donald J. McBride, Troop E

Tpr. Thomas O. Mitchell,  
Troop F

Cpl. Gregory D. Primm, Troop A

Tpr. Brian N. Raney, Troop H

Cpl. Marcus S. Reynolds,  
Troop F

Tpr. Phillip G. Sarakas, Troop C

Tpr. Chad W. Walton, Troop B

*5 years*

Criminalist III Leigh D. Bayer,  
Q/CLD

DE III Karen M. Cade, Troop C  
CDL Exam. Elaine M. Coutts,  
Troop C

CDL Exam. David M. Crouch,  
Troop C

Crim. Intel. Analyst II Erin C.  
Hug, Q/MIAC

Criminalist III Jeremy M. Jones,  
Q/CLD

DE Chief Nancy A. Mooney,  
Troop C

Comm. Oper. II Christopher D.  
Ramsey, Troop F

DE III Tamara A. Richardson,  
Troop C

### November

*30 years*

DE Sprv. Margaret M. Willm,  
Troop C

*25 years*

Clerk Typist III Wanda A. Hill,  
Troop E

DE Sprv. Cheryl K. Hudson,  
Troop F

*20 years*

Cpl. Christopher W. Harlan,  
Troop B

*15 years*

Comm. Oper. II Charles E.  
Bradley, Troop D  
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Dana L.  
Fairchild, Q/CJISD  
Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Paula  
L. Fry, Troop B  
Comm. Oper. III Jeremy L.  
MacDonnell, Troop D  
Telecom. Debra G. Morton,  
Troop G

*10 years*

Director Clifford R. Gronauer,  
Q/ICTD

*5 years*

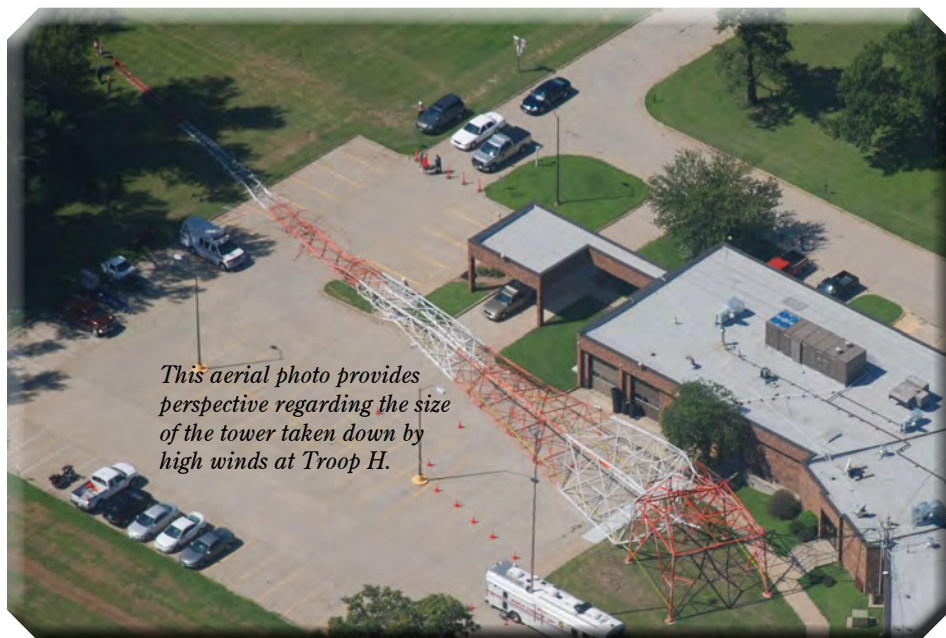
Comm. Oper. II Amber R. Burns,  
Troop H  
DE III Jessica L. Defer, Troop C  
Clerk Typist III Anita M.  
Douglas, Troop D  
DE III Florence J. Jackson,  
Troop A  
DE III Erica M. Rehbein,  
Troop C  
DE Clerk III John J. Skidmore,  
Troop A

# HIGH WINDS BRING DOWN TROOP H TOWER

By Chief Oper. Roger M. Heard, Troop H

Late on the evening of August 18, a large storm system from the northwest brought very high-speed, straight line winds, which pushed over the Troop H radio tower. That same storm had pushed through Northwest Missouri and caused much damage to homes in Maryville, MO (Nodaway County). A large number of windows on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville were broken. Power was disrupted to over 150,000 customers of KC Power and Light, which serves St. Joseph and a number of smaller Northwest Missouri communities. Troop H Headquarters was powered by its generator for over 30 hours.

The storm hit St. Joseph around 10:30 p.m. and the tower was pushed over around 10:40 p.m. It fell almost in a straight line, south across the Troop H Headquarters parking lot, and missed the troop pickup by less than two feet. Fortunately, it missed all the other cars on the parking lot, no buildings were damaged, and no one was hurt. There was no twisting of the tower; it fell straight. Ironically, almost all antennas mounted on the tower were destroyed except the UHF repeater receiving antenna mounted on the very top of the tower. The top of the tower



*This aerial photo provides perspective regarding the size of the tower taken down by high winds at Troop H.*

landed in the grassy area south of the parking lot which was rain-soaked. It was salvaged by communications personnel, mounted on a temporary support on the headquarters building, and placed back into service that night.

The mobile communication command vehicle arrived from General Headquarters so the troop could utilize its 58-foot portable tower. Coaxial cables were run from the troop transmitter room to the command bus antennas and radio service was restored

by 6:15 a.m. the next morning. By Saturday evening, temporary facilities were in place on another tower in St. Joseph, connected to troop headquarters by a microwave link.

MoDOT's District 1 Headquarters, located across the street from Troop H, has used antennas mounted on the Troop H tower for decades. They have a 70-foot portable tower set up temporarily at Troop H Headquarters for their radio communications and traffic signal controller. This tower monitors traffic signals along the city's main thoroughfare, the Belt Highway.

I want to commend all those who helped restore communications so quickly after the tower fell. We were back up and, for the most part, functioning in about seven hours. In less than 48 hours after the disaster, we were operating from a new, temporary site with antennas at full height. The cooperation and the speed with which this disaster was addressed was commendable.

The 300-foot tall Troop H tower has been a landmark in St. Joseph since the late 1940s. It was manufactured by the Blaw-Knox tower company, which was famous for its commercial broadcast tower designs dating back to the 1930s.



*Mercury Tower Company finished demolition of the fallen tower on August 22, and the last truckload of debris was taken away the next day.*



# Deaths

## Raymond T. “Corky” Roberts



Raymond T. “Corky” Roberts died unexpectedly on June 20, 2011, at his home in Pomona, MO. Born on June 5, 1949, in Salem, MO, to George and Samme (Butner) Roberts, he was 62 years old.

Corky grew up in Willow Springs, where he graduated from high school. In 1972, he married Pamela Valle, and to this union two children were born. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps and later joined the National Guard.

Corky worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner for over 31 years. He enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid turkey and deer hunter. However, one day while hunting, he crossed paths with a bear and decided it was best to leave it alone. Corky was an active member of the Pomona Christian Church. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a niece, Becky Wagner.

He is survived by his two sons: Chris Roberts, of West Plains, and Andy Roberts (and his wife, Shannon), of Bonner Springs, KS. Corky is further survived by his grandchildren, Drew and Jillian Roberts, of Bonner Springs, KS; his sister, Marcia Wagner (and her husband, Mick), of Willow Springs; his nephew, Joe Wagner (and his wife, Tanya), of Willow Springs;

and his former wife, Pamela Roberts-Murray, of West Plains.

The funeral service took place on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at Pomona Christian Church.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Roberts family.

*(Reprinted with permission from Willow Funeral Home.)*

## Eldon M. Steinman



Eldon M. Steinman, 82, St. Joseph, died on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at a local health care center.

Eldon was born January 31, 1929, in Albany, MO, to Otis and Anna (Needels) Steinman. He graduated from Albany High School in 1947. Later, he served his country in the United States Army.

Eldon married Ruhlene Scott on July 29, 1951, in Albany; she survives of the home. One daughter and one son were born to this union. Eldon was a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper, retiring after 30 years.

Eldon was a member of Community Presbyterian Church. He belonged to Saxton Lodge 508, was a 32nd Degree Mason, and was a member of Moila Shrine Temple, Legion of Honor. He also belonged to the High Twelve Club No. 49, American Legion Post No. 359, and Areme Chapter Order of Eastern Star No. 461. Eldon enjoyed

camping with family and friends in their motor home.

Eldon was preceded in death by his parents; maternal and paternal grandparents; and brother, Rex.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Charis Marriott (and her husband, Carl), of Kansas City, MO; a son, Gregory Roy Steinman, of St. Joseph; granddaughters: Nicole McCleish (and her husband, Matt), of Liberty, MO, and Heather Marriott (and her fiancé, Jason Lavelly), of Lenexa, KS; two sisters: Evelyn McCampbell (and her husband, Everett), of New Hampton, MO, and Rosalie Fessler, of Mt. Laurel, NJ; a brother, Russell Steinman (and his wife, Sue), of Union Star, MO; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services took place on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. The family suggests memorial contributions to Community Presbyterian Church.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Steinman family.

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## James D. Smith



James D. Smith, 68, of Springfield, MO, died Sunday, June 26, 2011, in his home with his wife and his faithful canine companion, Mackenzie, by his side after a courageous battle with

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# Deaths

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cancer. He was born August 19, 1942, in Lebanon, MO, to Elmer and Mary (Muldrow) Smith.

Mr. Smith was a graduate of Poplar Bluff High School. He was a retired Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper, having provided the citizens of Missouri with 28 years of service and protection. After his retirement, he worked as a school resource officer with the Springfield Public Schools.

He also served in the U.S. Navy, aboard the USS Seminole, during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife, Beverly Smith, of the home; a daughter, Elizabeth Leigh Burlison (and her husband, Don) of Springfield; a brother, Richard Smith (and his wife Molly) of Asheville, NC; and the light of his life, his grandson, Colton McKinley Burlison. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 30, 2011, in Greenlawn Funeral Home North, with burial following in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Springfield, MO. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or to the Ozarks Food Harvest.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest sympathy to the Smith family.

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## Freddie H. Roam



Freddie H. Roam, 90, of Midland, MO, died July 20, 2011. He was born on April 15, 1921, in St. Louis, MO, to Charles W. and Lena Faye Roam. He was the second of nine children. During the Great Depression, the family moved to a farm in Pulaski County, MO, where he was raised and educated.

Mr. Roam volunteered for the United States Marine Corps during World War II, and served 44 months, mostly in the Pacific. On February 5, 1945, he married Luella "Ellie" Page. He often told friends that this was his "best day". After his discharge, he received an appointment to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, where he served 35 years.

He was a member of the Northwestern Baptist Church of Midland, Texas, where he was an usher and deacon for many years. He was a 50-year member of the Mt. Vernon, MO, Lodge #99, AF and AM, as well as the Scottish Rite Consistory, in Joplin, MO.

Mr. Roam was preceded in death by his parents, and six brothers: Guy, William, Charles Jr., Paul, Leo, and David. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ellie; son, John (and his wife, Deborah); grandson, Matt (and his wife, Allison); and two sisters: Lenna Ferguson (and her husband, Jim) of Waynesville, MO, and Violet Fritts, of Eureka, MO; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services took place at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Satur-

day, July 23, 2011, with Dr. Brad Barnett officiating.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Roam family.

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## Donald M. "Don" Ivie



Donald M. "Don" Ivie, 44, of Springfield, MO, died on July 31, 2011, after an off-duty climbing accident at the Grand Teton National Park located in Northwestern Wyoming.

Don was born on February 15, 1967, in Sullivan, MO, the son of Marvin and Betty Ivie. He was a 1985 graduate of Crawford County R-II High School, Cuba, MO. Following high school, Don continued his education at Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, earning bachelor's and master's of science degrees in criminology.

Don was an 18-year veteran of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He was appointed on January 1, 1993, as a member of the 65th Recruit Class. His first assignment was Troop C, Franklin County. In 1996, he transferred to Troop D, Webster County, where he served until his promotion to corporal in 2001. At that time, he transferred to Stone County, where he was assigned as the assistant zone commander of Zone 15. In 2005, Don transferred from Stone County to Greene County. In 2008, he accepted an assistant supervisor position as corporal of Zone

# November

Nov. 6



Nov. 11  
Nov. 24

- **Central Standard Time begins at 2 a.m.**
- **Veterans' Day**
- **Thanksgiving**



4, Taney County. Later the same year, Don was reclassified as a motorcycle officer and was assigned to Zone 19, where he served on the Troop D motorcycle unit until his death. In addition to his Patrol duties, Don was an adjunct professor at Missouri State University, teaching criminology courses.

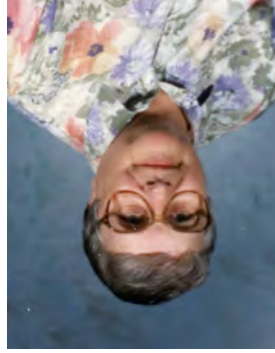
Don was preceded in death by his father, Marvin. He is survived by his wife, Yvette, a driver examiner assigned to Troop D, Springfield; a 13-year-old daughter, Bailee; two step-children, Denea and Sam; his mother, Betty; two sisters, Joyce and Patti (and Patti's husband, Sergeant Marty Elmore, Troop G, Willow Springs); and numerous nieces, nephews, family, friends, and students.

Don was an avid outdoorsman, scholar, writer, and artist, but most importantly, a dedicated family man. He will always be remembered for his patience, smile, and generosity, as he always put others first.

Sgt. Elmore said, "When I married his sister, Patti, Don was a senior in high school. As an only child I had no brother, and while Don was technically my brother-in-law, he really became the little brother I never had. To say that I was proud when he came on the Patrol would be an understatement. I really can't find the words to express how much I will miss him. But I know where he is, and I know that I will see him again someday."

A funeral service was held on Monday, August 8, 2011, at the Praise Assembly Church, in Springfield, with Lt. Mark Harwell, Troop H, officiating. Don's daughter, Bailee, spoke to those present at his funeral. "The last words I ever said to my dad were, 'I love you.' Life is precious; never take anything for granted, because in a blink of an eye anybody or anything can be gone. Say 'I love you' to the people you love every day. You never know when you might lose them and have to go on in life without them."

Margaret Ann "Mac" Croarkin, 87, of Macon, MO, died on Monday, August 15, 2011, at the Samaritan Memorial Hospital in Macon. Margaret Ann was born on June 19, 1924, in Macon, the daughter of



## Margaret A. Croarkin

Don't ever forget to remind your parents or family how much they mean to you ... Every time you get ready to end a call to them say, 'I love you, and get into a habit of it—but, mean it. Everything in life is only here for a short time ... You have to remember that. If you feel it inside, say it, or you will regret it forever. My dad was special to me and to many other people in his life. Everywhere he went he brought a joy that only he could have. I am so blessed that I have had a dad like him ... He will live on in my heart and everyone else's who knew him. I love you, Dad ... to the moon and back.

Bailee then read John 14:27. *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.*

Memorials were suggested for the Bailee Ivie Educational Fund, Don Ivie Scholarship Fund at Missouri State University, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Ivie family.

William Vincent and Margaret Frances (Moss) Croarkin. She graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1947, and was a member of the Chi Omega sorority. Margaret Ann was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop B, Macon, in 1952. She retired in 1988, as a senior secretary. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church and Immaculate Conception Altar Society.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary Croarkin, of Macon; friends: Kathy (and her husband, Jim Foley), of Beaver, MO, and Pat (and her husband, Ben Williams), of Ethel, MO; and cousins: Gene Croarkin, of Kirksville, MO, and Sue Gibilittera, of St. Louis, MO.

Margaret Ann was preceded in death by her parents and her three brothers: William Francis Croarkin, Robert Vincent Croarkin, and Edward Parker Croarkin.

A mass took place on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Macon, with Father Dave Veit officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Immaculate Conception Church or American Cancer Society.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Croarkin family.

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"Vision without action  
is merely a dream.  
Action without vision  
just passes the time.  
Vision with action can  
change the world."

— Joel Barker

# Deaths

## Bob V. Luck



Mr. Bob V. Luck, 79, of Jefferson City, MO, died on Monday, August 29, 2011, at St. Mary's Health Center. Bob was born April 10, 1932, in Hannibal, MO, the son of Kenneth W. and Vivian Melson Luck. He was married on April 6, 1951, in Jefferson City, to Genevieve Bond.

A lifelong resident of the Jefferson City area, Bob graduated from Jefferson City High School and attended the University of Missouri. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Bob was employed with the Jefferson City Police Dept. as a photographer and was in charge of the Criminal Evidence Lab for 17 years. He was then employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as supervisor of the Photograph Lab until his retirement in 2000.

He had a lifelong love of photography, selling his first photograph at the age of 12. Bob was a charter member of Concord Baptist Church; a member of the Jefferson Lodge No. 43, A.F. & A.M.; a member of the Capital Shrine; a member of the Moolah Temple; and a member of the Professional Photographers Association.

Survivors include: his wife of 60 years, Genevieve Luck; one son, Bob V. Luck Jr. (and his wife, Janel), of Jefferson City; one daughter, Barbara Ebersold, of Jefferson City; four grandchildren, Brianne Luck, Chelsea Luck, Lawrence Ebersold, and Christopher Ebersold; and one great-grandson,

Damain Ebersold. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services took place on Friday, September 2, 2011, at Concord Baptist Church with the Reverend Dr. Monte Shinkle officiating. Graveside services and entombment with military honors occurred at the Mausoleum of Hawthorn Memorial Gardens.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Concord Baptist Church.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Luck family.

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## Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

### 45 years ago

*September 1966* – Lt. V.E. Maxey was in charge of the 70 men assigned to the State Fair detail that year. Over a quarter of a million people attended the fair in 1966.

### 40 years ago

*October 1971* – Six new motorcycles were added to the Patrol's fleet the previous month. One article told the story about a nine-year-old boy who called Cpl. Bill Davis to complain when the grocery store owner refused to sell him a can of Skoal.

### 35 years ago

*September 1976* – The front cover showed Lt. Thomas Poindexter and Sgt. Roy Foss helping entertainer Barbara Mandrell exit her tour bus after arriving at the Missouri State Fair.

### 25 years ago

*October 1986* – A letter from Governor John Ashcroft graced the front cover. His letter expressed appreciation for the Patrol's efforts during the search for Michael Wayne Jackson. A three-page layout inside the issue told the story of Jackson's violent rampage, which included a string of murders, abductions, thefts, etc. Officers found him dead as a result of a self-inflicted head wound inside an abandoned barn near Wright City. The manhunt lasted 11 days, included a 60-man roster each day, and totaled approximately 9,000 man-hours.

### 15 years ago

*September 1996* – The Aircraft Division celebrated its 50th anniversary. A story showed how the Violent Crime Support Unit places gathered information in one place to help develop new leads and solve cases.

### 5 years ago

*September/October 2006* – Colonel Roger D. Stottlemeyer retired. Lieutenant Colonel William K. Seibert Jr. retired. Trooper Matthew Keeney was named May 2006 DPS Employee Of The Month for saving the lives of six adults and three children. Tpr. Keeney was off-duty and responded to the Castor River Campground after a flash flood. He used his personal boat in the rescue. Otto-The Talking Car assisted a young man with a marriage proposal. (His girlfriend said yes.)



# ~ Thank You ~

I want to thank everyone for the cards, e-mails, cell phone texts, prayers, and support offered to me after the passing of my mother, Lois Moss. I also want to express my appreciation to those who attended the visitation and funeral services. It truly touched my heart during this sad time in my life.

*DE III Dana J. Mueller  
Troop B*

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On behalf of the GHQ Torch Run Committee, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Special Olympics ice cream social fundraiser. We had a total profit from the ice cream social of \$518.43. Additionally, thank you for supporting the car raffle fundraiser. There was a total of 38 car raffle tickets sold for an additional profit of \$190. I would like to thank Betty and the Academy personnel who helped order supplies, prepare the food, and make sure we had everything necessary to serve the food. Also, thanks to the committee for their hard work.

*Lt. John J. Hotz  
Q/PIED*

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Thank you to everyone for sending cards and/or kind words during the passing of our grandmother. She was a great lady and is sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

*Lt. James E. and Beth McDonald  
Troop H*

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I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, thoughts, cards, phone calls, flowers, memorials, statues, and food received by my family and me following the sudden illness and death of my father, Donald Kerperin. I would

also like to thank all those who attended the visitation and funeral, and to further offer a special thanks to those Troop F members who assisted with the funeral procession. The thoughtfulness of all is greatly appreciated and will be forever remembered.

*Thanks,  
Lt. Paul D. Kerperin, Q/FOB*

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My family and I want to extend our appreciation and thanks for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and sympathy expressed after the passing of my brother, Mitchell Hribovsek. We also want to thank those who attended the

funeral services. Your support helped to make a difficult time a little easier. God bless you all.

*Sincerely,  
Clerk Typist III Wanda A. Hill  
Troop E*

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I would like to thank all of you for the cards, support, and words of condolences given to my family and I after the death of my brother. Your kindness has truly been appreciated.

*Thanks,  
Sgt. Donald R. "Don" Tyes  
Troop H*

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Lt. Albert O. Brown (D) - son-in-law  
CVE Insp. Adam P. Stanek (C) - grandmother  
CVO II David W. Norman (A) - father-in-law  
Tpr. A. Keith Howery (Q/GD) - mother  
Sgt. Kevin B. Miller (C) - father-in-law  
Tpr. Dave A. Huffman (G) - grandmother  
Lt. James E. McDonald (H) - grandmother-in-law  
Tpr. Gerry L. West (F) - mother  
Tpr. Dennis W. McCormick (E) - father-in-law  
DE III Brenda S. Hornecker (C) - father  
Sgt. Donald R. Tyes (H) - brother  
Cpl. Alexander W. Whitehead (Q/GD) - mother-in-law  
DE I Joseph J. Williams (C) - grandmother

Sgt. Brian N. Harrell (Q/GD) - brother  
Lt. Paul D. Kerperin (Q/FOB) - father  
Assistant Director Larry G. Lueckenhoff (Q/ICTD) - stepfather  
Trainer/Auditor I Linda S. Lueckenhoff, (Q/CJISD) - stepfather-in-law  
Tpr. Ryan A. LeClaire (C) - mother-in-law  
Clerk Typist III Wanda A. Hill (E) - brother  
Telecom. Sandra K. Gray (H) - brother  
Tpr. Daniel A. Landi (H) - father-in-law  
Retired CVE Inspector Chief Larry L. Atkins - wife  
Cpl. Monty D. Atkins (Q/GD) - mother

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## WTC Flag: Long May It Wave!

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Sunday, September 11, 2011, was a day for remembering and a day to make memories. It was an opportunity for our nation to honor its heroes—those lost on that fateful day in 2001 and those who remain with us proudly, selflessly protecting us from harm. All across America, people gathered to do both.

In Joplin, the gathering was especially poignant. The New York Says Thank You Foundation chose the city of Joplin, MO, as the last stop for the World Trade Center flag. This 20-foot by 30-foot flag was pulled from the rubble of the Twin Towers after they'd fallen. Years ago, tornado survivors in Greensburg, KS, began the process of repairing this important symbol. Since

*Emergency services personnel unfurled the World Trade Center flag in front of St. John's Hospital in Joplin.*



that time, the flag has traveled all across the country.

This national 9-11 ceremony with the World Trade Center flag took place in front of Joplin's St. John's Hospital, which was devastated by a tornado on May 22, 2011. Those participating unfurled the flag at 8:45 a.m., then raised the flag for one minute at 8:58 a.m. That raising recognized the time the World Trade Center's south tower collapsed. At 9:28 a.m., the raising was repeated, again for one minute, to rep-

resent the collapse of the World Trade Center's north tower.

After the ceremony, the flag traveled to Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, where anyone who wanted could sew one stitch. This has occurred at each stop the flag's made all across the country. The people this flag represents have added one stitch each, weaving a piece of themselves into the fabric of this symbol and showing how resilient America truly is. Now that the repairs are complete, the flag returns to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York.



*(l to r) Tpr. Joseph Drum, Tpr. Antonio Sandoval, Cpl. Steven Donnell, Tpr. Richard Anderson, and Tpr. Kotter Kasischke, all Troop D, stand with Mr. Charles Vitchers, general superintendent of the Ground Zero site in New York.*